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SECRETARIES' CONFERENCE.

The Secretaries' Conference opened at Chicago on Wednesday. The following article regarding its objects, is from the *Germantown Bulletin:* "This is an annual meeting of the General Secretaries employed by the Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States and British Provinces. A glance at the list of papers to be read and the discussions to be introduced, will show that a busy time is to be expected. These meetings are not for ease, neither are they pleasure excursions, but are called for the purpose of increasing the usefulness of the Secretaries of the several Associations. Notes are compared, new work undertaken is explained, so that every one can avail himself of any suggestions. By reading the subjects as published in the *Watchman* and several of the *Bulletins,* one can easily see that the position of Secretary to an Association is difficult and laborious. Success can only be obtained by patient and persevering effort, and every opportunity like this Conference should be used by the Secretaries, so that they may be kept well posted in all the branches of the work. The demand for persons to take charge of Associations, is still greater than the supply. Suitable and capable young men for this position, even when found, need instruction as to methods of work, and to be warned of many of the difficulties that are often encountered. A large number of these young men expecting to enter the work, will be present at the Conference. Each year shows a greater interest and a larger attendance at these gatherings."

WE have been pleased to make the acquaintance of Rev. Jacob Keller, the new Pastor of the North St. Evangelical Church. He is a young man himself, and much interested in work for the German young men of our city. We bid him a cordial welcome.

OPEN-AIR WORK.

Quite a large number of our workers assembled in the Hall at half-past four o'clock last Sunday afternoon. After partaking of a plain tea, furnished by one of the members, the conference was opened, suggestions made, and plans adopted for the coming season. A short time was spent in prayer for God's blessing upon the work. The conference then closed, and the Committees assembled and proceeded to their respective scenes of labor.

Meetings were held at Capitol and Harris Parks, corner of Third and Colder and corner South and Cowden streets. Very favorable reports were received from all these points and the workers are all very much encouraged at the prospect of large and profitable meetings.

Ladies and gentlemen are cordially invited to attend any of these meetings and assist in the singing or in any way they can.

COLORED BIBLE CLASS.

It gives us pleasure to note the interest which is shown in the Colored Bible Class, both by teachers and scholars. Although they have met with many causes of discouragement since their organization in 1879, they have surmounted all difficulties, and stood by each other with a zeal which is commendable. Last week they changed their place of meeting from the Calvary Baptist Church, corner William and Colder streets, to the Wesley Mission, Marion street near Colder. They have already admitted several new members, and with their improved facilities expect soon to double their number. About fifty books have recently been added to their library.

MRS. T. H. ROBINSON has our thanks for a large number of religious papers for distribution.

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THE Library Magazine, a monthly publication of Select Foreign Literature, has been added to our Reading Room list, and may be fonnd with the other monthly magazines.

THE members of the Physical Department of the Baltimore Y. M. C. A. have fine grounds in Druid Hill Park, on which they engage weekly in out-door sports.

THE attendance at the Gymnasium for the two months ending June 18th, is as follows: Visitors 1,258; Exercising 1,562; Baths 216.

RAMBLING CLUB.

Many of our Association are following the custom of the English Associations, by organizing Outdoor Clubs for sport and recreation. Ours has proved a source of pleasure and profit to all who have taken part in it. Last week they had a very pleasant time, going by the Reading Pike to the "Old Paxton Church," and retnrning via. Grantville and Jonestown road. Archery was the favorite amusement on this, as well as the preceding trip. To-day they will go up the canal to Rockville, returning by the river road. All who wish to join them in their walk, will please be on hand at the Library at 9 o'clock sharp

READING CIRCLE.

The Reading Circle did not meet this week. An entertaining session is expected on Tuesday evening, considering the time given for preparation, and the interest which attaches to the lesson under consideration, viz: The Revolutionary Period in U. S. History and the corresponding Period in American Literature.

OUR long promised Catalogue will make its appearance some time next week. Unforseen and unavoidable delays have hindered the progress "in press" but most of it is already "in form," and unless some accident should happen to prevent, we will be able to place it in the hands of our Library patrons in a few days.

WE had calls on Tuesday from E. L. Witman, General Secretary of the Wilkes-Barre Association, H. Hammond Cole, Librarian of the Boston Associatian, and J. E. Gray, of Lynn, all of whom were on their way to the Conference of General Secretaries at Chicago.

THE Newport Association is prospering. They are continuing the boys' work. They hold a prayer meeting every Monday evening in their room. The Ladies' Auxiliary is rendering valuable assistance.

OUR General Secretary, presents a paper on the "Care and development of the bodily health" before the General Secretaries' Conference this week.

OUR MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 19, 1880.

SUNDAY.....9.00 A. M...Service in County Jail. C. A. Kunkel.

June 13. 9.00 " ..Young Men's Bible Class. "The Saviour—His human characteristics. Geo. A. Lippincott.

1.30 P. M...Mission Sunday School at Lochiel. J. H. Spicer, Superintendent.

3.30 " ..Service at Home for the Friendless. H. C. Demming.

5.00 " ..Bible Class (Colored). Wesley Mission, Marion near Colder. Charles May.

6.00 " ..Service at City Hospital. Geo. B. Sollers.

OPEN-AIR MEETINGS.

5.45 " ..Capitol Park. John M. Sayford.

5.45 " ..Harris Park. Philip Weaver.

5.45 " ..Corner South and Cowden Streets. Frank D. Boyer.

5.45 " ..Corner Third and Colder Streets. J. H. Fager.

THURSDAY.....8.00 " ..Sunday School Teachers' Bible Class. Rev. J. T. Judd.

SATURDAY.....8.00 " ..Young Men's Meeting. J. Silas Baer.

EVERY WEEK-DAY ..... 8.00 A. M.....Daily Prayer Meeting.
9.45 P. M.....Evening Prayers in the Parlors.

THE DAILY MORNING PRAYER MEETING

Is held in the Reading Room every morning, except Sunday, at 8.00 o'clock, closing at 8.30.

TOPICS AND LEADERS FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY.....*The Saviour and Men with High Religious Privileges*, Matt. xxvi. 57-68: xxi. 23-32. G. A. Lippincott.

TUESDAY.....*A Memorial and what it "Shows."* 1 Cor. xi. 23-34.

WEDNESDAY.....*Seek not Man's but God's Commendation.* 2 Cor. x. 12-18; Matt. xxv. 21. J. N. Deeter.

THURSDAY.....*The Life of Christ to be Manifested in the Earthly Life of the Believer.* 2 Cor. iv. 10, 11. John W. Davis.

FRIDAY.....*The Blind Man at Bethsaida Cured.* Mark viii. 22-26. Jas. McConaughy.

SATURDAY.....*A Fatal Bargain.* Gen. xxv: 29-34; Heb. xii. 16, 17. E. O. Dare.

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Subjects for Week ending June 26th.

Public Meeting—Bible Reading.

When to look to Jesus—Tempted, Heb. 2:18. Afflicted, Isaiah 63:9; Troubled, Matt. 11:28; Sick, Matt. 8.17; In Health, Psam 42:2; Rich, 1 Chron. 29:2; Poor, 2 Cor. 8:9; Oppressed, Isaiah 53:7; Forsaken, Heb. 13:5; Dying, Acts 7:59; always and under all circumstances.

Young Men's Meeting—"An Exhortation to Yonng Men." Eccl. 11:9, 10; 12:1–7.

THE Schenectady "Bulletin" has been enlarged and the name changed to "The Asso-iation Monthly."

THE Sunday School Teachers' Bible Class, had a very interesting meeting on Thursday evening. There were eighteen present.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made, looking to the organization of a Rail Road Branch, to the Association at Scranton.

THE Association at Springfield, Ill., have started a Building Fund.

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